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Dr. Laura Agnich Receives University Award for Excellence in Contributions to Service

December 7, 2015

Dr. Laura Agnich received the University Award for Excellence in Contributions to Service. This award recognizes faculty who “use their academic disciplines to provide non-compensated assistance to the community and region, as well as in the academic arena.” Dr. Agnich engages in service in three primary areas: as faculty advisor to the Mock Mediation Club, through fundraising for Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center (SRSAC), and by evaluating active shooter trainings for local police.

The Mock Mediation Club took home a first place award in advocacy at the 2015 International Law School Mediation tournament in March, and the organization actively engages the campus and local community through disseminating conflict resolution skills to Georgia Southern and local K-12 students.

In addition to her university and community service to prevent and reduce the harms caused by violence, Dr. Agnich was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) and serves the discipline of criminology through her engagement with regional, national, and international academic organizations.

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Dr. Bryan Miller works with Chatham County Sheriff's Office

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Dr. Bryan Miller attended a workshop on strategies for substance abuse recovery at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. Dr. Miller is working with the Center for Addiction Recovery at Georgia Southern University and the Chatham County Jail to develop and evaluate substance abuse treatment for offenders.

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Dr. Laurie Gould Accepts issue editor for The CUR Quarterly

December 7, 2015

Dr. Laurie Gould has accepted the position of issue editor for The CUR Quarterly, the peer reviewed journal for the Council on Undergraduate Research. Her first issue will be published Fall 2016 and the theme will be “Undergraduate Research and the Curriculum.”

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Dr. Adam Bossler and Graduate Student Justin Hoyle Complete Funded Evaluation

December 7, 2015

Dr. Adam Bossler, along with graduate student Justin Hoyle, recently completed their Bureau of Justice Assistance funded evaluation of a Smart Policing Initiative in Evans County, Georgia. Their report entitled, "Evaluation of the Evans County Smart Policing Initiative" examined how the implementation of technologies in rural law enforcement agencies in southeast Georgia impacted the agencies' communication and technology capabilities.

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Dr. Adam Bossler submitted National Science Foundation Final Report

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Dr. Adam Bossler, along with colleagues Thomas Holt at Michigan State University and Sriram Chellappan of Missouri Science and Technology, recently submitted their final report for their National Science Foundation funded grant entitled, "Collaborative Project: A Multi-Disciplinary Framework for Modeling Spatial, Temporal and Social Dynamics of Cyber Criminals." The major goals of the project were to: (1) derive spatio-temporal models of cyber criminality; (2) apply and evaluate existing criminological theories to study cyber crime; (3) process real and continuously collected Internet data to derive features related to cyber-crime; and (4) design strategies to predict cyber-crime trends from relevant features correlating with cyber-crimes.

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Department Attends Annual Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) Conference

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During the past month, Criminal Justice and Criminology (CJ&C) Graduate Students and Faculty had a large presence at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) in Charleston, South Carolina.

While at SCJA, a number of Graduate Students – alongside their faculty mentors – presented their current research projects. Students participating in the conference presented on research panels and poster presentation sessions. Graduate students featured in the SCJA program included: Shana Felix, Mackenzie McBride, Jack Lightfoot, and Justin Hoyle. In addition, most of the Criminal Justice and Criminology faculty presented their research at the annual SCJA meeting. Those in attendance included: Drs. Laura Agnich, Adam Bossler, John Brent, Laurie Gould, Bryan Miller, and Chad Posick.

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Graduate Student Jack Lightfoot and Undergraduate Roland Turner Win Conference Awards

December 7, 2015

During the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) conference, Jack Lightfoot, a CJ&C Departmental Graduate Student, received the Poster Competition Award – alongside Dr. Laurie Gould – for their presentation entitled “Cyber Espionage: A Case Study.” With cyber espionage leading to leaks and breaches of sensitive information pertaining to millions of Americans, their research examines the recent security breach of the Office of Personal Management (OPM). In addition, they examined current trends in cyber espionage along with the difficulties involved in combating it.

Roland Turner, a senior Justice Studies major, received the *Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award*. Roland is an active member of the Mock Mediation Club, and received the “Rising Mediator” award for his outstanding service to the organization and community. He served as the activity coordinator for Nevils Elementary School in Statesboro, Georgia and served as an intern at the Restorative Justice Center in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, he has developed a restorative justice curriculum for young adults.

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